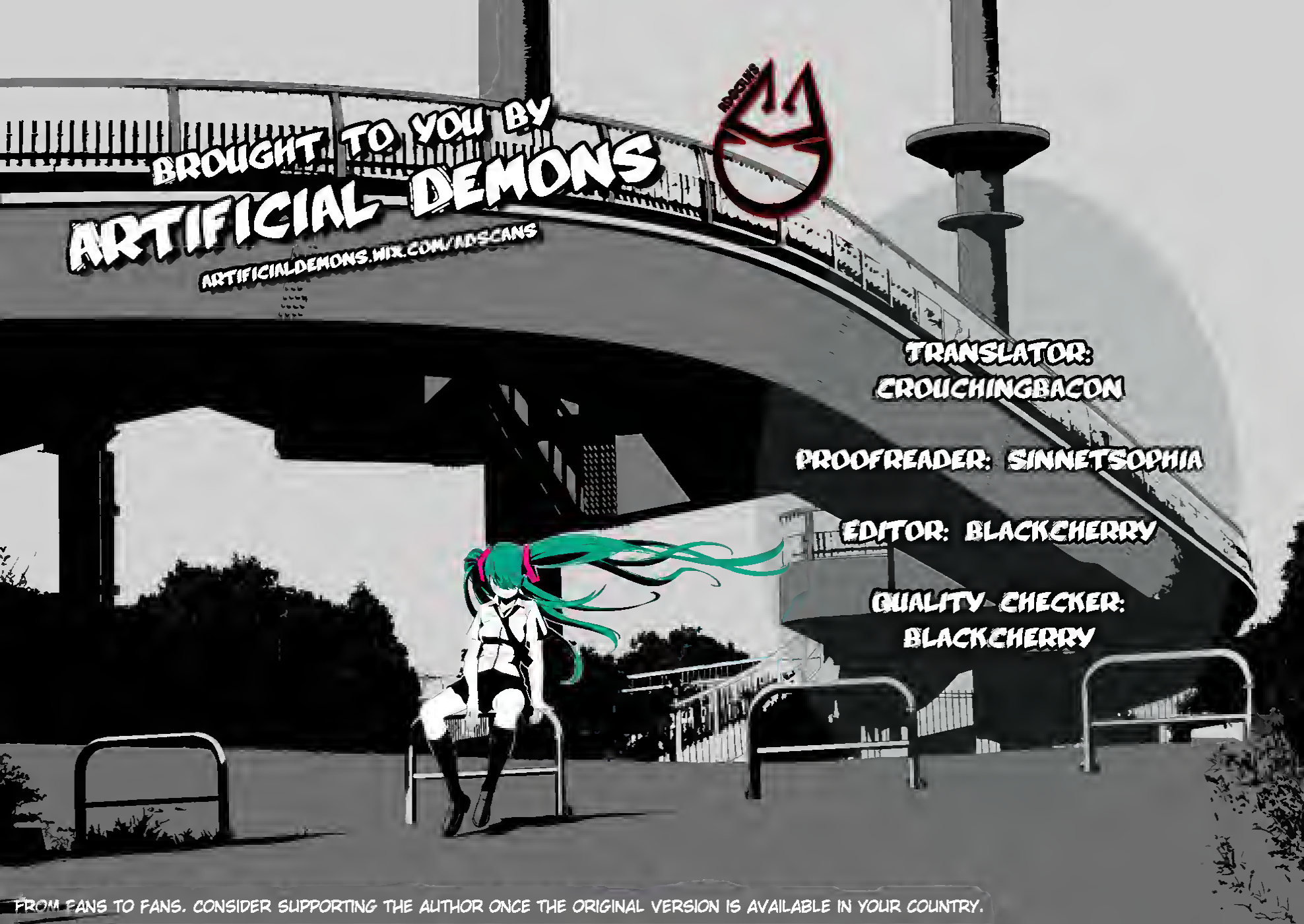

FROM FANS TO FANS. CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE AUTHOR ONCE THE ORIGINAL VERSION IS AVAILABLE IN YOUR COUNTRY.

TODAY IS THE SIXTH FRIENDLY TOURNAMENT FOR KYUSHU DISTRICT'S SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL FEMALE LACROSSE TEAMS.
A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CAME YESTERDAY! NOW WE WELCOME YOU TO ENJOY TODAY'S EVENTS!
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GROUP A'S SEMI-FINALISTS, TENJIN HIGH VS. CHIKUSHI ACADEMY, WHO WILL PLAY IN THE FIRST MATCH!
GROUP B'S SEMI-FINALISTS, MOMOCHI HIGH VS. KOKURA CENTRAL HIGH, WHO WILL PLAY IN THE SECOND MATCH!
THE MATCH WILL SOON BEGIN AT 10:30.
WE HOPE EVERYONE LOOKS FORWARD TO IT!
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TENJIN

GAME22 The Majestic Swordswoman

BAGGATAWAY
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セタミィだよね？

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THOSE TWO ARE REALLY SLOW!
MIGHT BE BECAUSE THEY WERE HELD UP BY THOSE PERVERTS.
WHAT ELSE COULD IT BE?
Sorry! We're late!
WHAT WERE YOU DOING?
HOW DARE YOU MAKE THE CAPTAIN WAIT FOR THE BOTH OF YOU...
UWAAH!
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Hey Hey
AFTER ALL, WE'RE ACTORS!
ALWAYS CAUSING COMPLICATIONS BECAUSE WE'RE WITH THE TEAM- IT CAN'T ALWAYS BE THAT WAY.
YES, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO WEAR THOSE SILLY SPECTACLES.
WHY DO YOU BOTH LOOK LIKE THAT?
HM? WHY? IT'S BECAUSE THIS IS A DISGUISE!
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BY WEARING THESE, OUR IDENTITIES WON'T BE REVEALED,
EVER SINCE WEARING THEM, NO ONE'S BOTHERED TO STOP US!
THAT'S NOT BECAUSE NO ONE RECOGNIZED YOU, BUT BECAUSE THEY WERE AFRAID TO SAY SOMETHING!
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AS LONG AS SETA DECIDES TO DO IT, THEN I WILL COOPERATE.
YOU'RE REALLY LIKE HUSBAND AND WIFE...
I always thought I'd be the kind of person who would never do such a thing.
YOU'RE ALSO WEARING THEM.
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OF COURSE

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IS THAT SO? LET'S SEE...
THERE SEEMS TO BE A COMMOTION BY THE ENTRANCE
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Tap
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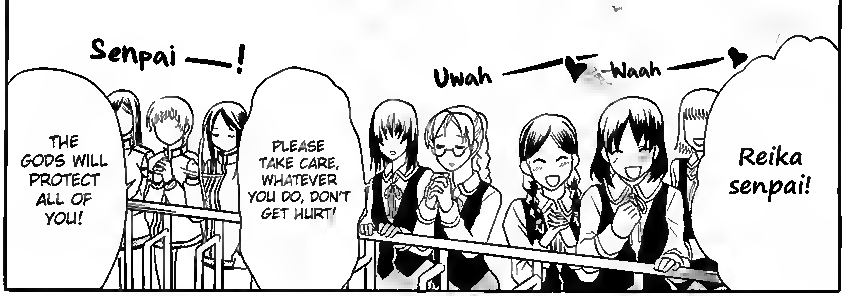
Tap
Tap
THEY'RE HERE!

KYUSHU'S EMPRESSES!!


Senpai —!
THE GODS WILL PROTECT ALL OF YOU!
PLEASE TAKE CARE, WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T GET HURT!
Uwah
Waah
Reika senpai!

Today, I also wish to learn from you.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I LAST PAID MY RESPECTS, MR KOGA..
YOU DON'T SEEM TO HAVE CHANGED ONE BIT..

SUDDENLY CALLING OUT FOR THEIR SENPAI!
It's an aristocratic school!
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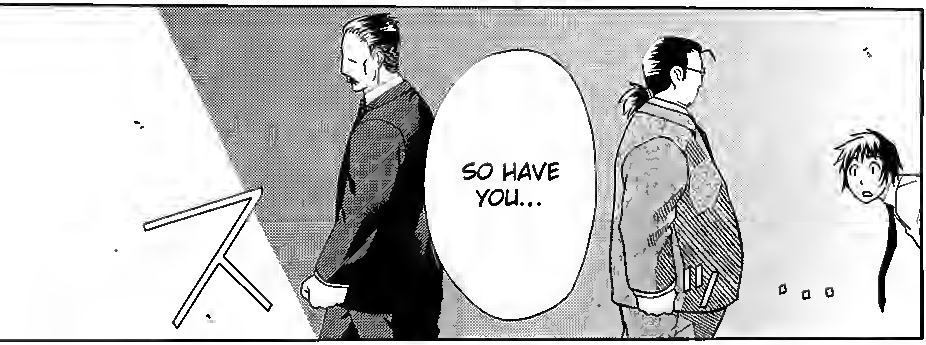
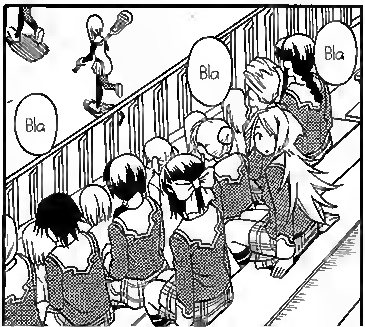

SO HAVE YOU...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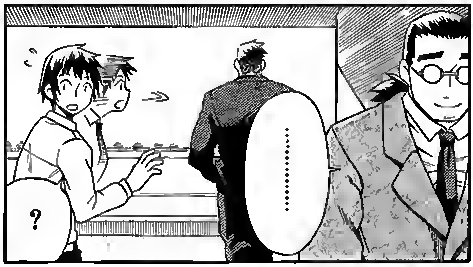
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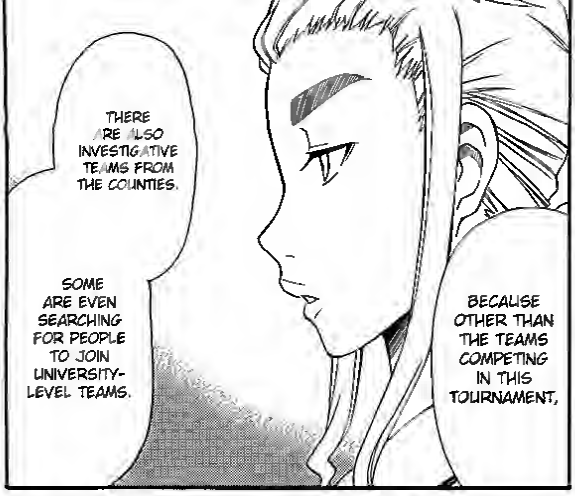
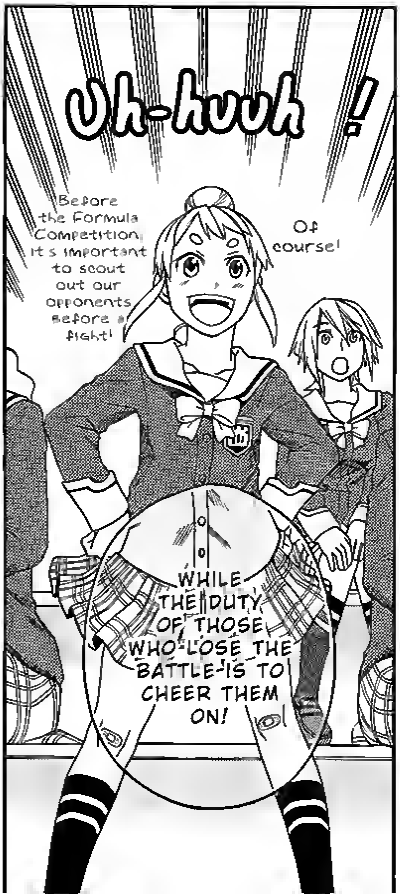
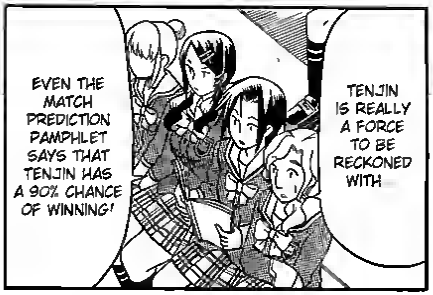

THERE ARE ALSO INVESTIGATIVE TEAMS FROM THE COUNTIES.
SOME ARE EVEN SEARCHING FOR PEOPLE TO JOIN UNIVERSITY-LEVEL TEAMS.
BECAUSE OTHER THAN THE TEAMS COMPETING IN THIS TOURNAMENT,

EVEN THE AUDIENCE CAN FEEL THE TENSE ATMOS-PHERE...
THEY'RE DIFFERENT FROM OUR MATCH YESTERDAY.


Uh-huuh!
Before the Formula Competition, it's important to scout out our opponents before a fight!
Of course!
WHILE THE DUTY OF THOSE WHO LOSE THE BATTLE IS TO CHEER THEM ON!


EVEN THE MATCH PREDICTION PAMPHLET SAYS THAT TENJIN HAS A 90% CHANCE OF WINNING!
TENJIN IS REALLY A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH.

SINCE CHIKUSHI COMPETED WITH US AND ADVANCED, THEY'RE STILL COUNTED AS ONE OF KYUSHU'S STRONGEST TEAMS.
THEY'VE GOT TO FIGHT WITH ALL THEIR MIGHT TO SUCCEED!
THIS IS THE VICTOR'S DUTY.

YET IF IT'S A DIFFERENT SCHOOL WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, THEY WOULD DEFINITELY HAVE A ZERO PERCENT CHANCE!
THAT'S RIGHT!
Well said!
THERE'S STILL A 10% CHANCE!
THOUGH THERE'S A BIG GAP BETWEEN THE TWO TEAMS IN TERMS OF STRENGTH, THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT COULD HAPPEN IN A MATCH!
"WHAT IF IT'S CHIKUSHI?" THIS LENDS AN UNCERTAINTY TO THE MATCH
I THINK THAT'S WHY THIS MATCH HAS MANAGED TO ATTRACT A LOT OF SPECTATORS.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
IF IT'S CHIKUSHI ...?
IN LAST YEAR'S FORMULA COMPETITION
ONLY ONE TEAM MANAGED TO DEFEAT TENJIN.
AND THAT TEAM WAS...

CHIKUSHI ACADEMY!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, SHIHATSU.
TAT-SUMI-ZU.

HOWEVER, THERE IS SOMETHING I MUST TALK TO YOU ABOUT BEFORE THE GAME BEGINS.
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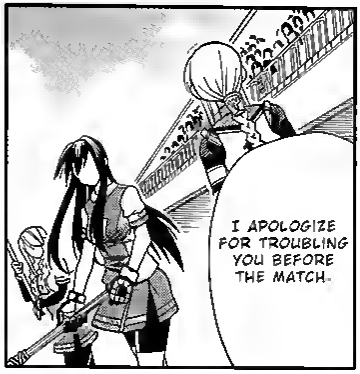
I APOLOGIZE FOR TROUBLING YOU BEFORE THE MATCH.

LAST YEAR, YOUR SCHOOL GAVE US A TASTE OF DEFEAT.
REGARDING TENJIN'S HISTORY AS UNDEFEATED CHAMPIONS...
TO THAT EXTENT, WE HAVE INCREASED OUR CAPABILITIES THIS SEASON.
HAS BROUGHT US TO STRIVE TOWARDS A GREATER PATH!
FOR THE FIRST TIME, WE FELT ANGER AND SORROW... BUT THAT PAIN...
MY WORTHY OPPONENT!
ALLOW ME TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE ONCE MORE,

THIS MUST BE THE COMMANDING AURA OF THE LEADERS OF KYUSHU'S STRONGEST TEAMS!
I AM HONORED
UNCEASING AND GRUELING TRAINING
THERE IS ONLY
NO HESITATION OR PAUSE WHATSOEVER.
Thank you very much
I STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO...
I WATCHED A VIDEO OF YOUR MATCH WITH OONOJOU YESTERDAY
YOUR DEFENSE WAS PERFECT
GOTOH ...
TATSUMIZU-SENPAI, IT'S BEEN A WHILE!
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SORA-KUN!
BY LEARNING FROM YOUR DEFENSIVE TECHNIQUES, TATSUMIZU-SENPAI.
GOTOH
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TODAY, WE MUST HAVE AN EVEN BETTER MATCH
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ANISE!
I saw the video of yesterday's match!
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Let her go!
Your shot for the goal was wonderful-
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A NEW SWORD!
I MUST APOLOGIZE, IT SEEMS I'VE DISTURBED YOUR TEAM
THAT GIRL JUST JOINED OUR TEAM THIS YEAR.

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MAYBE THAT IS WHY THEY ARE ATTRACTED TO EACH OTHER.
JUST LIKE YOUR TEAM'S NUMBER 18.
SHE HAS LIMITLESS POTENTIAL
ALL RIGHT-
Tatsu-senpai!
DON'T DISTURB THEM.
KAZEIWA, LET'S GO BACK!
SEE YOU IN THE GAME!
THEN... SORA-KUN...
YES!
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Did we really win against Tenjin last year?
YES, IT'S TRUE.
Uwaah, that's amazing!
KANNA
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Really now...
I REALLY WISH THEIR TEAM WOULD BE A BIT CARELESS THIS TIME.
BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK VERY LIKELY.
HUH? THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US?
ALSO...
WHILE THE CAPTAIN AND THE TEAM WERE ALL PRETTY GOOD,
THE GREATER PART OF THE WIN WAS BECAUSE OF THEN-THIRD-YEAR SHIMAZU-SENPAI'S ABILITIES
BECAUSE IF WE TOLD YOU, IT WOULD ONLY PUT UNNECESSARY PRESSURE ON YOU.
KANNA
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HOWEVER, LAST YEAR'S WIN DOESN'T MEAN...
SHIHO-SENPAI, I UNDERSTAND IT CLEARLY.
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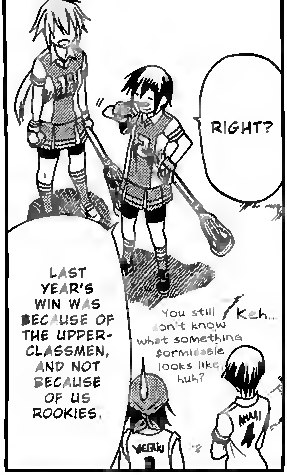
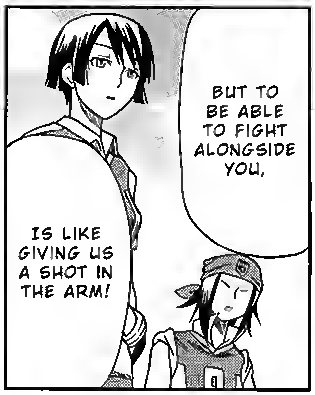
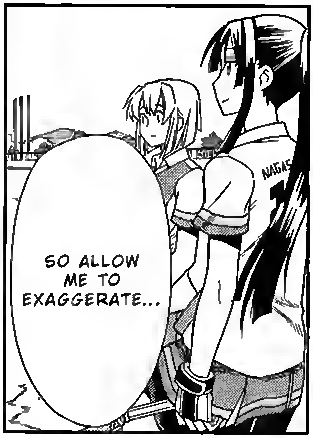
HM... BASICALLY, YES.
BUT WEREN'T HACHI-SAN AND THE REST ON THE FIELD TOO?


RIGHT?
LAST YEAR'S WIN WAS BECAUSE OF THE UPPER-CLASSMEN, AND NOT BECAUSE OF US ROOKIES.
You still don't know what something formidable looks like, huh?
Kuh..
WAAH!
WAAH!

WELL SAID!
HMPH

IF WE AREN'T ABLE TO CRAWL UPWARDS, WE'LL NEVER REACH THE SUMMIT!


BUT TO BE ABLE TO FIGHT ALONGSIDE YOU,
IS LIKE GIVING US A SHOT IN THE ARM!


SO ALLOW ME TO EXAGGERATE...

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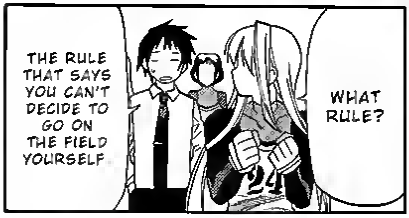
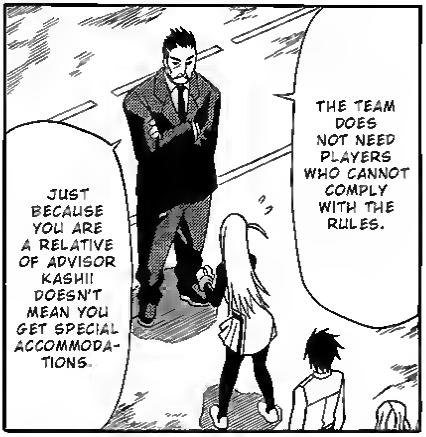
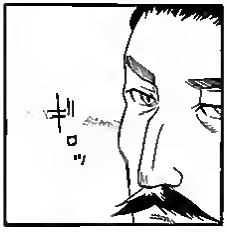
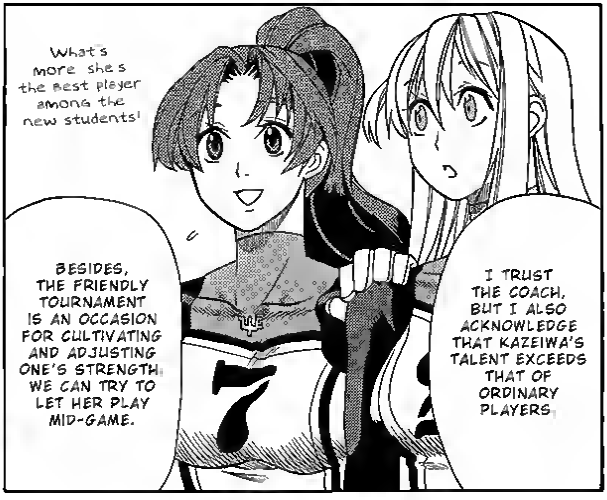
I...
CAN'T PLAY?

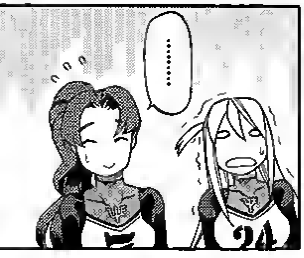

WHAT RULE?
THE RULE THAT SAYS YOU CAN'T DECIDE TO GO ON THE FIELD YOURSELF.


THE TEAM DOES NOT NEED PLAYERS WHO CANNOT COMPLY WITH THE RULES.
JUST BECAUSE YOU ARE A RELATIVE OF ADVISOR KASHII DOESN'T MEAN YOU GET SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS.

That... That's because...
It's so hard to explain
That's because




What's more she's the best player among the new students!
I TRUST THE COACH, BUT I ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT KAZEIWA'S TALENT EXCEEDS THAT OF ORDINARY PLAYERS.
BESIDES, THE FRIENDLY TOURNAMENT IS AN OCCASION FOR CULTIVATING AND ADJUSTING ONE'S STRENGTH. WE CAN TRY TO LET HER PLAY MID-GAME.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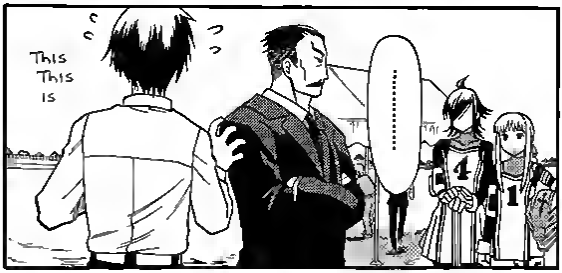
EVEN IF WE WIN THIS TOURNAMENT, VICTORY WOULD BE MEANINGLESS!
WHILE OTHER TEAMS COMMIT MANY MISTAKES AND LEARN FROM THEM,
WE GIVE UP THE OPPORTUNITY TO TEST OUR STRENGTH.
I ALSO BELIEVE THAT SHE COULD BE TENJIN'S UNIQUE AND UNRIVALED SHARP-EDGED BLADE
TATSU-SENPAI...
PLEASE LET KAZEIWA JOIN THE GAME!
HOWEVER, TATSUMIZU

WHAT I NEED IS A LEGENDARY SWORD THAT CAN FIGHT ANYONE.
NOT A UNIQUE SHARP-EDGED BLADE!

THEN ...


This This is
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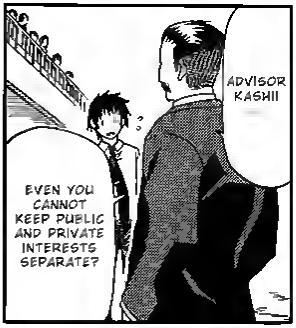
ADVISOR KASHII
EVEN YOU CANNOT KEEP PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INTERESTS SEPARATE?

THREE POINTS!
IF WE CAN GET A THREE-POINT LEAD,
THEN ANISE CAN PLAY, HOW ABOUT THAT?

I HAVE THE SAME POINT OF VIEW AS THE OTHERS AND WISH TO SEE WHAT THIS KID CAN DO OUT IN THE FIELD DURING THE GAME.
NO. SET ASIDE MY POSITION AS HER RELATIVE AND AS A CONSULTANT.
HAVING GROWN UP WITH LACROSSE!
THAT'S BECAUSE SHE PLAYS WITH SUCH JOY FROM THE DEPTHS OF HER HEART...
THIS IS ALSO DIFFERENT ...
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It's still a no-go?
In the end...
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TATSUMIZU, GET A THREE POINT LEAD IN THE FIRST HALF, THEN WE'LL SEE
THAT'S IT, THEN.
I HAVE SOME-THING TO SAY.
EVERYONE, GATHER 'ROUND!
AS YOU WISH, COACH KOGA.
Thank you very much
NO MATTER SO LONG AS WE WIN, ALL IS WELL.
AS A CONSULTANT, I'M ONLY A LAYMAN, AND I'VE SUDDENLY MESSED UP YOUR PLANS...
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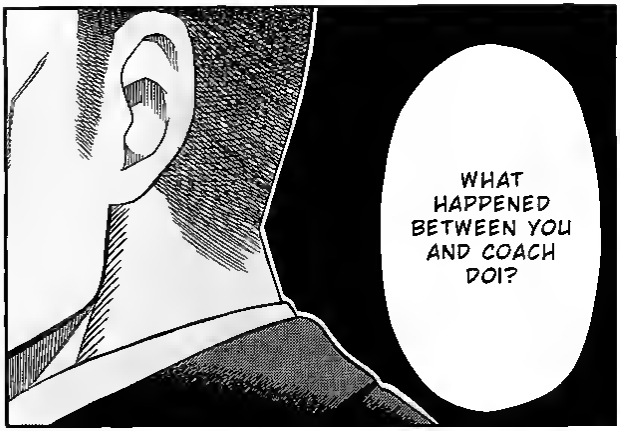
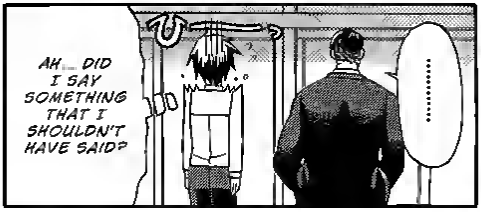
COACH KOGA, I'M REALLY SORRY..


WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN YOU AND COACH DOI?

IF I MAY ASK, SIR...

ALWAYS SPEAKING BEFORE THINKING
WHY AM I SUCH AN IDIOT?!


AH... DID I SAY SOMETHING THAT I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID?
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I AM VERY UNHAPPY,
HE HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL.

IT'S NOTHING.
ONLY...

THE MATCH IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!
Inviting everyone to follow our live broadcast!
This is Takaharu Yunokihara and Shirisawa Tsuyoshi
AND NOW,
GROUP A'S SEMI-FINALISTS, TENJIN HIGH VS. CHIKUSHI ACADEMY.
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THERE ARE ALSO A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO CAME TO CHEER THE PLAYERS ON
THE BLEACHERS ARE FULL OF SPECTATORS
THIS SEMI-FINAL MATCH IS ONE EYE-CATCHING BATTLE! THE ATMOSPHERE OUT IN THE FIELD HAS REACHED ITS HIGHEST PEAK!
HEY, HEY, HEY! YOU LITTLE IMPS!
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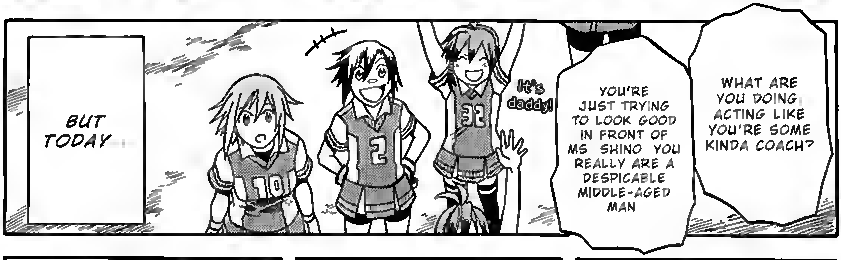
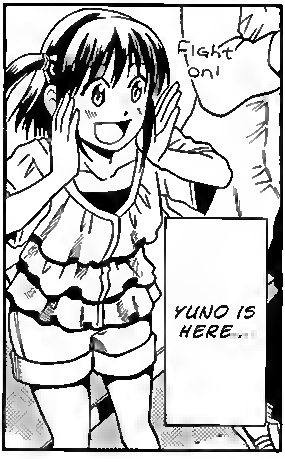
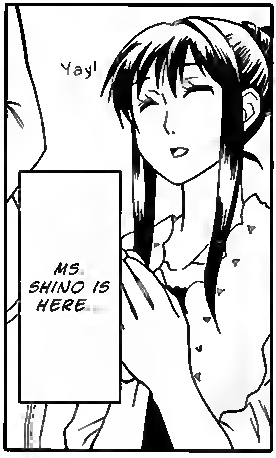
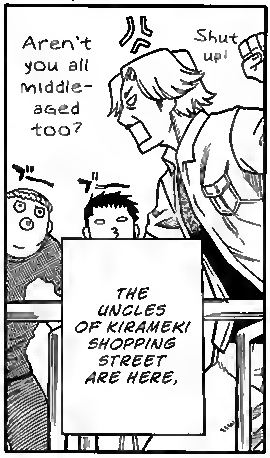
IF I MANAGE TO SCORE, I CAN'T SAY FOR SURE THAT I CAN CONTINUE TO DO SO WHEN THE CROWD BOOS
Onee-sama!
Fight on!
BUT...

YOU HAVE TO FACE WHAT'S AHEAD OF YOU AND MOVE FORWARD!
NO COWERING OR CRINGING!


BUT TODAY...
It's daddy!
YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO LOOK GOOD IN FRONT OF MS. SHINO. YOU REALLY ARE A DESPICABLE MIDDLE-AGED MAN
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, ACTING LIKE YOU'RE SOME KINDA COACH?


Fight on!
YUNO IS HERE...


Yay!
MS. SHINO IS HERE...


Aren't you all middle-aged too?
Shut up!
THE UNCLES OF KIRAMEKI SHOPPING STREET ARE HERE,

ANISE IS ALSO HERE...
THE REST OF MY COMRADES!
SHIZUKU, HAVE YOU FINISHED PREPARING YOURSELF?
AND ALSO
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THERE-FORE
YES!
THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!
THEN ...

LET'S GO!
UTSUGI
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TO THE BATTLE-FIELD!